SUBJECT No. 342.

Mysore Water-supply.

Messrs. M. C. Rangiengar, Mysore City Municipality and Anniah, Pandit, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that Government may continue to supply water to the Mysore City free or if that is not possible, the general water rate now imposed may be reduced from 3 per cent of the rental value to 1½ per cent and the rate for excess consumption of water in houses provided with water connection from 12 annas per 1,000 gallons to 6 or 8 annas per 1,000 gallons, the minimum free allowance being raised from 3,000 to 5,000 gallons. It is further requested that metres be fixed only in those houses which contain sufficient ground for making a garden, to hotels, livery stables and factories and to houses where it is suspected that water is wasted and is not used for legitimate purposes. On account of the Dasara, His Highness' Birthday and other festivities in Mysore, large numbers of people come to it from outside and consequently the consumption of water generally increases. The rules in regard to house connections should therefore be more liberal in Mysore than in Bangalore and elsewhere. The water-supply to the Mysore City is a free gift by Her Highness the Vani Vilas Sannidhana. The Municipality was maintaining the works at the commencement at a cost of Rs. 6,000 per annum, but from the time the works were handed over to the Public Works Department, the maintenance cost has been increasing year by year and a large demand of nearly Rs. 40,000 a year is now made on that account. The Municipal Council have requested Government to maintain the works, receiving from the Municipality whatever is recovered from the general water rate and the charges for excess consumption of water. The income from these sources may be roughly estimated at about Rs. 15,500 in all, about Rs. 12,500 from the former and about Rs. 3,000 from the latter. If, instead of levying a general water-rate, fees for house connections be levied as heretofore, but at the rates originally prevailing in the city, *viz.*, Rs. 25 for houses provided with half-inch tap, and Rs. 50 for those provided with one-inch tap, the same income of about Rs. 15,500 may be realized. There are at present 601 houses provided with service-pipes of which 550 are provided with half-inch tap and 51 with one-inch tap. If wastage is feared by one-inch tap, it may be done away with and only half-inch tap supplied in all cases.

Reply of Government.—The Mysore City Municipal Council may be moved with reference to the proposals made above and their resolution sent up to Government for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 343.

Repairs to the feeders of the Kukkarhalli and Karanji tanks.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The feeders of the Kukkarhalli and Karanji tanks in the Mysore City may be repaired.

Reply of Government.—An estimate is under preparation.